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Due to unavailability only one container was used for testing. This is less than the number required by the regulations. Approval for this deviation has been granted by the Under Secretary of Defense, Memorandum for the Joint Logistics Commanders dated 22 February 1990.

TESTS PERFORMED

1. Base Level Vibration Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.608. The container was placed on a repetitive shock platform which has a vertical linear motion of 1-inch double amplitude. Movement of the container was restricted during vibration in all but the vertical direction. The frequency of the platform was increased until the container left the platform 1/16 of an inch at some instant during each cycle. Test time was 1 hour.

2. Stacking Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.606. The container was subjected to a force applied to its top surface equivalent to the total weight of identical packages stacked to a minimum height of 3 meters (including the test container). A weight of 288.5 kg (636 pounds) was stacked on the test container. The test was performed for 24 hours. The weight was then removed and the container examined.

3. Drop Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.603. Six drops were performed from a height of 1.2 meters (4 feet) in the following orientations (three drops for each orientation):

- a. Horizontally.
- b. Diagonally on the edge between the cover assembly and the top ring of the container.

PASS/FAIL

1. Base Level Vibration Test

The criteria for passing the base level vibration test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Sec. 178.608(c): No test sample should show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion liable to reduce packaging strength.

2. Stacking Test

The criteria for passing the stacking test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Sec. 178.606(d): No test sample may show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion likely to reduce its strength, cause instability in stacks of packages, or cause damage to inner packagings likely to reduce safety in transportation.

3. Drop Test

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Sec. 178.603(f): A package is considered to successfully pass the drop tests if for each sample tested, no rupture occurs which would permit spillage of loose explosive substances or articles from the outer packaging.

TEST RESULTS

1. Base Level Vibration Test

Satisfactory.

2. Stacking Test

Satisfactory.

3. Drop Test

Satisfactory.

DISCUSSION

1. Base Level Vibration Test

The input vibration frequency was 3.4 Hz. Immediately after the vibration test was completed, the container was removed from the platform, turned on its side and inspected. No unfavorable distortion or deterioration was observed.

2. Stacking Test

The container was inspected after the 24-hour period was over. No unfavorable distortion or deterioration was observed.

3. Drop Test

After each drop, the container was inspected. The inert Mk 14 Mod 0 Explosive Section was completely retained by the container.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

- A. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 107-178.
- B. Bureau of Explosives Tariff No. BOE 6000K Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation by Air, Rail, Highway, Water including Specifications for Shipping Containers.

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**YEAR LAST PACKED OR MANUFACTURED

Container: Shipping and Storage Container for the Mk 14 Mod 0 Explosive Section

Container P/N or NSN: Type: 1A2

P/N 5468241

Outer Packaging Material: Drawing Number:

Steel

Dimensions: Gross Weight:

27-15/32" H x 14-9/16" dia 72.1 kg (159 pounds)

Tare Weight: Closure (Method/Type):

Removable Cover w/Locking Ring 14.5 g (32 pounds)

Additional Description:

PACKAGED COMMODITY:

Name: See table 1 NSN(s): See table 1

United Nations Number: See table 1

United Nations Packing Group: II

Physical State (Solid, Liquid, or Gas): Solid

Vapor Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A At 50 °C: N/A At 55 °C: N/A

Consistency/Viscosity: N/A Density/Specific Gravity: N/A

Amount Per Container: See table 1 Flash Point: N/A

Net Weight: See table 1

PACKAGED COMMODITY USED FOR TEST:

Name: Mk 14 Mod 0 Explosive Section Physical State: Solid

Consistency: N/A Density/Specific Gravity: N/A

Test Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A Net Weight: 57.6 kg (127 pounds)

Additional Description:

The net weight includes the current maximum commodity weight plus an additional

5.4 kg (12 pounds).

N/A = Not Applicable

TABLE 1 Commodities Approved for Shipping in the Shipping and Storage Container for the Mk 14 Mod 0 Explosive Section

| NALC/ DODIC | NSN | Commodity Nomenclature | Packing Drawing Number | Haz Class/Div | UN Number | Units/ Cntr | Total Net Weight (lb) | Total Gross Weight (lb) |
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